

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-11

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OEXC, SCUL, PEPR, IZ, US  
SUBJECT: CULTURAL PROGRAM FOR IRAQ

REF: (A) BAGHDAD 1084 (NOTAL) (B) BAGHDAD 303 (NOTAL)

1. SINCE THE FAILURE OF OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN VISA FOR GUITARIST WILLIAM MATTHEWS LAST FEBRUARY, REFTTEL (B), USINT HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVING MESSAGES RELATED TO OTHER CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT BE SCHEDULED. WE REALIZE THAT THERE MAY BE A NUMBER OF REASONS FOR THE HIATUS AND WISH TO INSURE IT IS NOT MERELY INADVERTANT.

2. WHILE THERE IS NO WAY TO FIND OUT FOR CERTAIN, THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR FACTORS IN THE LAST-MINUTE COLLAPSE OF THE MATTHEWS VISIT WAS THE RECEIPT HERE, JUST BEFORE HE WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE, OF UNCLASSIFIED TELEX MESSAGE REFERRING TO A POSSIBLE CONCERT IN ISRAEL. WHATEVER THE CAUSE, WE BELIEVE THAT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR SELECTED CULTURAL EVENTS SHOULD CONTINUE AS PART OF OUR OVERALL POLICY TOWARD IRAQ. THIS IS DIFFICULT TO DO UNLESS WE KNOW WHAT IS AVAILABLE. THERE IS A CHANCE THAT THE GOI  
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WOULD APPROVE SUCH ACTIVITIES, BUT ONLY IF WE ASK.

3. UNLESS THERE ARE REASONS TO THE CONTRARY OF WHICH WE ARE UNAWARE, REQUEST USINT BE PUT ON DISTRIBUTION FOR FUTURE MESSAGES THAT COVER APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS.  
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